Financial assistance for setting up of industries in rural area by K.V.I.C.

*277. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount of financial assistance in the form of loans pro vided by the Khadi and Village Indus tries Commission during the years 1988-89 and 1989-90 to the Cooperative Societies! | Institutions [Individuals for setting up of industries in the rural areas;

(b) how many industries have so far been set up and have started tbeir production with this assistance;

(c) what is the value of production made by them during this period; and

(d) whether the repayment of the loan is regular; if not, what action, is being taken by the KVIC in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH) : (a) KVIC disbursed the following amount of financial assistance in the form of loans for setting up industries in the rural areas:—

1988-89	Rs. 8293.52 lakhs
1989-90	Not available.

(b) KVIC extends financial assistance for the promotion and development of industries as per list enclosed at Annexure [See Appendix CLIV, Annexure No. 62]

(c) Value of production of Khadi and village industries during 1988-89 stood at Rs. 1678.74 crores.

(d) No, Sir. KVIC takes necessary legal action against the defaulting units for effecting recovery of the loans.

Distribution of oil refinery products by private sector

*278. DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRI KAMAL MORARKA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for allowing private sector to distribute oil refinery products; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALs (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) and (b) Currently the private sector is involved in the retail distribution of petroleum products. As a part of the finalisation of the 8th Five Year Plan, possibilities of enlarging the involvement of the private sector in marketing and distribution *oi* petroleum products are being explored. Details are yet to be worked out.

Mangalore Refinery and Petrochemical Project

*279. SHRI J. P. JAVALI Will the Ministers of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Mangalore Refinery and Petrochemical Project proposal is pending before the Public Investment Board for final decision; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken for early clearance and implementation of the project?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURU. PADASWAMY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During appraisal of the project, Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited has been asked to asses the desirability of delinking petrochemical project, and of set. ting up a refinery of 6 MTPA capacity or creation of such a capatcity in two steps,